Tree Plantation by CPWD

721. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3371 given in the Rajya Sabha on 19th August, 1994 and state:

(a) what was the target of planting trees during 1994-95 and how many trees were actually planted;

(b) the number of trees that survived and what is the total number of trees in the C.P.W.D. area as on 31.3.95;

(c) what is the target of planting trees during 1995-96 and how many trees have been planted so far; and

(d) the reasons for not auditing the record of plantation of trees and the steps taken to introduce such an audit for effective measures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) The target of planting trees during 1994-95 was 2.65 lacs (0.65 lacs trees and 2.00 lacs shrubs) out of which 2.60 lacs 51000 trees and 209000 shrubs) have been planted.

(b) The survival rate of plantation in protected area is 70-80% approximately and in unprotected area is 40-50%. The CPWD have been planting trees in Delhi for the last so many years. But it is not physically possible to mention the number of trees existing as on 31.3.95 in the CPWD area as such a data is not being maintained by the CPWD.

(c) The target for 1995-96 for plantation is 2.00 lacs out of which 18970 trees and shrubs have so far been planted.

(d) Record was maintained but not audited as there was no such precedent. However the Directorate of Horticulture have been directed to plant before the audit such records as may be required by them.

Protected Monuments without Security Staff

722. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that a large number of Centrally protected monuments are without any watch and ward staff and thus unsecured; and

(b) if so, the details thereof with names of the monuments state-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI SELJA): (a) No, Sir. However, there is an overall inadequacy for which Archaeological Survey of India has worked out the optimum additional requirement.

(b) Does not arise.

Stagnation in the Production of Pulses

723. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production of pulses in the country has been stagnating at around 10 million tonnes over the last 30 years and what were the programmes/projects initiated by Government to steps up production of pulses;

(b) the objectives of the Technology Mission under the Ministry of agriculture and whether the Mission was ever commissioned to attempt a crash programme on pulses production and if so the achievements thereof; and

(c) whether government are considering any move whereby contractual production of pulses abroad is envisaged? If so, whether Latin American country is short listed for this experiment?

THE MINISITER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE